

PATENT
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 3632

REMARKS

The claims have been revised to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. §112. With specific regard to the rejection of Claims 19-29 bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, it is applicant's intention to claim the sub-combination. It is believed that the claims as presently amended avoid the objection made by the Examiner, but if this is not the case, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

Claims 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. However, since the subject matter of allowable Claim 26 has been introduced into Claim 19, it is believed that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claims 23-29 have been amended to either place them in independent form or to depend from an allowable claim in independent form.

With the amendments to the claims, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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